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2004 Board of Directors

			Term
Rodger Pederson	Chairman	LDDA	til 2005 Annual mtg.
Kelvin Bagshaw	Vice, chairman, Director	LDDA	til 2005 Annual mtg.
Larry Lee	Director, ICDC Rep	LDDA	til 200? Annual mtg.
BJ Boot	Director	LDDA	til 200? Annual mtg
Howard Steinley	Director	SWDA	til 2006 Annual mtg
Ron Tittle	Director	SWDA	til 200? Annual mtg
Don Fox	Director, ICDC rep	SEDA	til 2004 Annual mtg.
Jason Wildboer	Director	NDA	til 2004 Annual mtg

James Harvey,Rep Provincial Advisory Board, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

As per the bylaw, the directors represent the four development areas of Northern (NDA), South Western (SWDA), South Eastern (SEDA) and Lake Diefenbaker (LDDA).

The Board of Directors is elected by member irrigation project delegates at the annual meeting. Each member Irrigation Project is entitled to send one delegate per 5,000 irrigated acres or part thereof. Two directors are elected from SWDA, four from LDDA, one each from NDA and SEDA

Mandate

The mandate of SIPA is to represent the interests of member districts and , if sufficient interest exists, the interest of all irrigators in Saskatchewan.

Values

1) Development of irrigation policy must occur from the producers up to the decision makers

2) To protect our environment through good stewardship of irrigation practicers

3) SIPA and it's members must partner with government, industry, recreation, wetlands and other who have a stake in our water resources

Goals and Objectives

The board will develop a plan to be the advocate for irrigation projects in Saskatchewan, representing and lobbying irrigation concerns on behalf of the association and its members to government and stakeholders and to make SIPA to point of entry for new projects and to assist in their formation

The board will develop and implement a strategy to promote the benefits of irrigation.

The board will develop a plan to provide direct input to government to assist in setting policies being made by government departments that have an impact on irrigati9on and to provide options and recommendations for the implementation of those policies.

The board will develop a process to assist in the expansion of irrigatable acres.

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Highlights of 2004

Strategic Planning Session - Operating Plan - We reviewed the mandate of SIPA and worked on the development of a strategic plan. Under the guidance of a consultant we conscientiously made the decision that we could not follow through with the total strategic plan at this time due to budget restraints and the up coming 50 year water plan. We then developed an annual operating plan along with a governance process.

The Irrigation Act, 1996 - Saskatchewan Agriculture extended invitations to SIPA and irrigators to participate in discussions regarding changes to the Act. SAFRR proposed that SIPA be removed from the Act. After some review the Association believes that forming a stand alone corporation would not be a hindrance to us. We have been in the process of developing new bylaws for a non-profit corporation. The changes to the Act are slated to be presented in this falls session.

Saskatchewan Watershed Authority -

Management of Lake Diefenbaker - We met with staff of the SWA to discuss the management of Lake Diefenbaker and have proposed that the management committee be activated with our participation.

Provincial Advisory board - James Harvey, our rep on the Provincial Advisory, has participated in three meetings over the year in which each representative brought forward their concerns.

Watershed Planning Advisory Committees - We have also participated in watershed planning committee meetings and tours of some of the watershed in the province.

Power

Infrastructure - We have undertaken correspondence with Sask Power over the year and requested their participation in our 2004 annual meeting as per the motion at 2003 annual meeting.

Rates - A rate increase took effect for all power rates in September 2004. Sask Power was proposing that for irrigation projects where the meters are read annually on October 31 the rate increase would be prorated over the 2004 irrigation season. After discussion with them that the irrigation season was for the most part completed by August 31 they agreed to have the rate increase take effect spring 2005.

Highways - We attended an invitational meeting and made a presentation regarding our highways infrastructure, heavy haul permits and irrigation development in Saskatchewan

Partnerships

Saskatchewan Agrivision Corporation - 50 Year Water Strategy - SIPA attended meetings and supported Saskatchewan Agrivision application to CARDS for funding the

development of a long term water strategy. We then issued the invites to irrigators to participate in workshops with the consultant Dr. Graham Parsons regarding the strategy. The study was completed and unveiled in November. At the Drought Proofing Saskatchewan conference held in Regina the potential role of irrigation was highlighted. The Hon. Clay Serby stated that they would be entering into discussion with the federal government and stakeholders to develop a strategy. As a result of the study it has been agreed that a Water Council needs to be formed with the stakeholders including SIPA.

Crop Insurance - After the circulation of a petition regarding the separation of dry land and irrigated acres, we attend a meeting with them in early December regarding this very issue and irrigation coverage.

Field days

A) CSIDC Field Day - Outlook

We participated with a booth at the field day as one of the partners in the executive management committee for the center.

B) ICDC Field Days - Board members participated in irrigation demonstration field days

National Saskatchewan Water Supply Expansion Program; We attended an information meeting regarding the three tiers of the program and subsequently made application for funding under the transfer of technical information / extension activities to the agricultural community and the public. We issued a news release regarding this federal - provincial initiative

2005 Crop Production Show - We made a proposal to have irrigation featured at the 2005 Crop Production show in Saskatoon January 10 - 13, 2005. Their board agreed to have irrigation as a feature at this year show with an irrigation alley in the main building along with education sessions on irrigation topics. We will be participating in the show with a new educational booth including a model of a pivot and an irrigation video.

International Joint Commission on the Apportionment Agreement of 1921 regarding St. Marys and the Milk River systems - We made a submission to the international joint commission regarding the request by the Governor General of Montana to open the agreement stating that infrastucture in Saskatchewan and Alberta has been developed to operate within the guidelines of the agreement.

2004 Annual Conference - The board has worked at attracting presenters that will look at the role of irrigation and the implementation of the 50 year strategy. The forum should give the participants a chance to discuss how to develop irrigation infrastructure and its potential to help revitalize rural Saskatchewan. Presenter will give us some insight into the international water agreement

National Land and Water Information Service - A board member attended a workshop in Regina on the proposed program and their intention to have a databank of all water within one source for all parties use for development.

CANCID Conference - We attended the conference held in Calgary and were part of a process to define future direction of Canada's Commission on irrigation and drainage.

SIPA Representatives -

ICDC board of directors representatives - Don Fox and Larry Lee

CSIDC Executive management team - Don Fox also represented irrigators on the management team as per the terms of the MOU. They are undergoing a strategic review of their mandate and initiatives.

Throughout the year the board had 7 meetings and then conference calls. We meet with different elected offices to promoting the benefits of irrigation in rural Saskatchewan and the need for a long term strategy for irrigation that would start now.

Federal Officials

Chairman, Roger Pederson, hosted an informal meeting and tour for Robyn Gray, special aid to Hon. Andy Mitchell. Various irrigation and agricultural topics were discussed.

Provincial Parties

We participated in numerous formal and informal meetings with political parties, deputy ministers and representatives.

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Auditor's Report

To the Members
Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association

I have examined the statement of financial position of the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association as at March 31, 2004 and the statement of operations for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Associations' management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with the standard that requires I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. I have performed such tests as I deemed necessary to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The Association derives the majority of its revenue on a voluntary basis, which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my audit was limited to verification of revenue recorded in the records of the Association.

In my opinion, except for the limitations outlined in the previous paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Wanda Langer

Riverhurst, Saskatchewan
December, 2004

Wanda Langer, Accountant

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Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2004

ASSETS

	2004	2003
Current Assets		
Cash	21,059	13,816
Accounts receivable	685	210
Prepaid expenses	0	0
	21,744	14,026

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	7,002	6,066
Current portion of long term liabilites	4,000	2,000
	11,002	8,066
Long Term Liabilities		
ICDC Commitment (note 4)	0	2,000
Surplus	10,742	3,960
	21,744	14,026

Directors: _____

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the period ended March 31, 2004

	2004	2003
Income		
Membership fees - full (note 2)	15,094	11,533
Membership fees - associate	400	400
Donations and Grants (note 3)	0	391
Annual conference - registration	2,792	2,489
Annual conference - sponsors	2,152	1,790
Annual conference - display	1,155	1,393
Fund Raising	465	461
Promotions	0	0
	22,057	18,457
Expenses		
Administration	3,207	3,044
Administration - phone	729	1,130
Bad Debts	75	0
Conference	3,322	3,843
Fund Raising	458	446
Meeting - mileage	2,355	2,293
Meeting - per diems	4,455	2,515
Meeting - expenditures	353	162
Promotion - website	0	0
Promotion (note 3)	321	749
	15,276	14,182
Surplus for the period	6,782	4,275
Surplus, beginning of year as previously stat	0	3,685
Prior year adjustment (note 5)	0	(4,000)
Surplus beginning of period	3,960	(315)
Surplus, end of year	10,742	3,960

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Notes to the Financial Statements
March 31, 2004

1. Purpose

Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association (SIPA) became a reality in 1996 with the passing of the *Irrigation Act, 1996*. SIPA is to provide a focus group capable of coordinating, directing and participating in activities related to irrigation policy development, program implementation, research and demonstration prioritization, economic development initiatives, and public relations to promote and foster irrigation development in our province. We are to provide a common voice for issues concerning irrigators.

2. Membership

Membership is open to all irrigators in the province, either as districts or individuals and entities in the business of serving irrigators.

a) Full membership according to the bylaws, is restricted to all irrigators as defined in the Irrigation Act, 1996. Each member Irrigation District is entitled to one voting delegate per 5,000 irrigated acres or part thereof. With the revisions made to the Irrigation Act, 1996, private irrigators members are entitled to one voting delegate per 5000 acres in a development area.

b) Associated memberships shall be granted at the discretion of the Board to private corporations who have an interest in irrigation activities and other third parties who wish to participate in SIPA. They may take part in all discussion and be made aware of all activities but they do not have voting rights.

3. Agreements

The Board of directors has agreed to appoint two directors to the board of the Irrigation Crop Diversification's Corporation of which one of these directors shall sit on the executive management committee of the Canada - Saskatchewan Crop Diversification Center.

4. ICDC Commitment

Included in Grants and donations in 1998 was a grant of $20,000 from Sask Water Corporation of which a minimum of $5000 shall be spent by SIPA on promoting irrigation in Saskatchewan through an effective communication strategy. We have made an agreement with ICDC for $6000 over three years to jointly fund an irrigation website that will be the gateway to irrigation in Saskatchewan and we will continue with our news releases and other promotional activities as deemed necessary. Annual payments of $2000 will be made as ICDC progresses on the project.

5. Prior Period Adjustments

The March 31, 2003 financial statement included $2000 in accounts payable for the first payment of the commitment to ICDC. A prior period adjustment of $4000 was made to reflect the entire commitment and the $2000 was reclassified as the current portion of the long term liabilities.